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SUBJECT: FIRST MEETING OF ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP

REF: STATE 37858

1. IN DISCUSSING CONTENTS OF REFTEL ON FEBRUARY 25 WASHINGTON MEETING WITH ITALIANS, WE LEARNED ONLY TODAY THAT GOI AT LAST MINUTE DECIDED TO SEND MFA VICE D G ECONOMIC AFFAIRS RICIULLI TO THE MEETING THUS ASSURING A LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION COMPARABLE TO THAT OF OTHER COUNTRIES PRESENT.

2. CHIEF OF MFA ENERGY OFFICE LOPEZ CELLY STATED THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED INITIAL TELEGRAM REPORT ON THE MEETING FROM ITALIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON, WHICH DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS HAVING GONE "QUITE WELL." LOPEZ REFRAINED FROM ANY SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS UNTIL HE HAS A CHANCE TO TALK WITH RICCIULLI WHO HAS NOT YET RETURNED TO ROME.

3. RE ITALIAN RESERVATION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC GROUP ON ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BEFORE MARCH 13-14 C G MEETING (PARA 4 REFTEL), LOPEZ CELLY EXPLAINED THAT PROBLEM IS ONE OF TIMING DUE TO LACK OF READILY AVAILABLE RESOURCES. MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH IS MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO WHICH NECESSITATES HIS BORROWING STAFF FROM OTHER AGENCIES -- E.G., NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (CNR), NATIONAL NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMITTEE (CNEN), ETC. GOI WILL DO ITS BEST TO MOBILIZE ITS R AND D FORCES BUT CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT IT WILL BE READY BEFORE MARCH 13 DATE.

4. REGARDING FIRST THREE ACTIVITIES (CONSERVATION, CONVENTIONAL RESOURCES AND OIL SHARING) LOPEZ CELLY OBSERVED, AS DID WANSINK (PARA 1 THE HAGUE 986), THAT OECD HLG DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL CG MEMBER STATES

LOPEZ NOTED THAT ITALY WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ARBITRARILY EXCLUDE NON-HLG MEMBERS FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS.

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5. LOPEZ CELLY STATED THAT ITALIANS PRESENTLY CONSULTING ON INTER-MINISTERIAL BASIS TO ENABLE EFFECTIVE GOI PARTICIPATION IN WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES. INVOLVED ARE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INDUSTRY, BUDGET, STATE PARTICIPATION, FOREIGN TRADE AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH AS WELL AS BANK OF ITALY AND ENI, WITH INITIAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 6. VOLPE

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